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FROM AMBASSADOR VANDEN HEUVEL

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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S LUNCHEON FOR PRC AMBASSADOR

1. ON JULY 18, I HOSTED A LUNCH FOR PRC AMBASSADOR AN
CHIH-YUAN. THE PRC DCM, YI SU-CHIH, A CHINESE SECOND
SECRETARY AND AN INTERPRETER ALSO ATTENDED. ON THE U.S.
SIDE, GUESTS WERE DCM SORENSON, A MISSION POLITICAL
OFFICER WHO HAD SERVED IN CHINA AND AN ECONOMIC OFFICER
WHO HAD SERVED IN THE SOVIET UNION.

2. AMBASSADOR AN, WHO SERVED AS PRC CHARGE IN MOSCOW
DURING PRC DIPLOMATIC DIFFICULTIES WITH THE USSR DURING
THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION, RESPONDED EASILY TO SPECIFIC
QUESTIONS AND SHOWED A RELAXED CAPACITY FOR GIVE AND TAKE.
WHILE HIS APPROACH WAS NON-POLEMICAL, MANY OF HIS REMARKS
HAD AN ANTI-SOVIET CAST. FOR EXAMPLE, IN ANSWER TO A
QUESTION AS TO THE CAUSES OF THE SINO-SOVIET SPLIT, HE
SAID THAT IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES PLAYED A ROLE, BUT FROM
THE CHINESE SIDE, MAJOR FACTORS WERE PRC FEAR OF SOVIET
EXPANSIONISM IN ASIA, AND THE NECESSITY TO STAND UP TO
THE SOVIETS IN ORDER TO AVOID BECOMING A SATELLITE OF THE
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3. AMBASSADOR AN EMPHASIZED THAT THE US AND THE PRC HAVE
TO BE VERY TOUGH IN COMBATING SOVIET "IMPERIALISM" IN
AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST. I TOLD HIM THE US IS VERY
SERIOUSLY CONCERNED WITH SOVIET ACTIVITY IN AFRICA. I
SAID THAT PAST EXPERIENCE SUGGESTS THAT THE SOVIETS CAN

OFTEN BE THEIR OWN WORST ENEMIES IN SUCH AREAS, AS DEMONSTRATED BY THE CHANGE IN ATTITUDE TOWARD THE SOVIETS ON THE PART OF EGYPT, SUDAN, SOMALIA AND NOW, TO A DEGREE, OF IRAQ. AMBASSADOR AN DEPLORED THE ROLE THE CUBANS WERE TAKING AS SUBSTITUTES FOR DIRECT SOVIET INTERVENTION IN AFRICA. (HIS DCM CHARACTERIZED THE CUBANS AS "DOGS OBEYING THEIR MASTER".)

4. AMBASSADOR AN EMPHASIZED THE NECESSITY FOR THE US TO STAND UP TO THE SOVIETS, NOTING THAT THE CHINESE HAD FOUND THIS THE ONLY METHOD OF DEALING WITH THEM. AT THE SAME TIME, HE INDICATED A NEED FOR CONTINUED COMMUNICATION WITH THE SOVIETS BY SAYING THAT IT WOULD BE ONLY PROPER FOR THE SOVIETS TO REPLACE THEIR RECENTLY REASSIGNED AMBASSADOR TO CHINA INASMUCH AS CHINA HAS AN AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW.

5. THE PRC AMBASSADOR STATED STRONGLY HIS GOVERNMENT'S AGREEMENT WITH THE NECESSITY TO TAKE A HARD LINE AGAINST INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM, APPLAUDING THE ACTION TAKEN AT THE BONN SUMMIT.

6. AMBASSADOR AN WAS ASKED IF THE PRC WOULD SEND A DELEGATION TO THE WHO-SPONSORED PRIMARY HEALTH CARE CONFERENCE IN ALMA ATA, USSR IN SEPTEMBER 1978. AMBASSADOR AN AGREED WITH A SUGGESTION THAT THE PRC COULD INDEED MAKE A SUBSTANTIVE CONTRIBUTION BUT SAID THAT FOR POLITICAL REASONS
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THE PRC COULD NOT ATTEND THE CONFERENCE BECAUSE OF ITS LOCATION.

7. ON THE ILO, AMBASSADOR AN SAID THAT THE PRC WOULD CONTINUE TO PLAY ITS PRESENT INACTIVE ROLE IN THE ILO.

8. AS FOR THE NEW COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT ESTABLISHED BY THE UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT, AMBASSADOR AN SAID THAT THE PRC DOES NOT AT THIS POINT INTEND TO PARTICIPATE. HE NOTED THAT THE FIRST STEPS IN DISARMAMENT SHOULD BE TAKEN BY THE TWO SUPER POWERS. IT WAS SUGGESTED TO HIM THAT FOR DISARMAMENT MEASURES TO BE EFFECTIVE, CHINA'S ACCORD WAS ESSENTIAL. IN THIS CONTEXT HE SAID CHINA WOULD NEVER BECOME A SUPER POWER. HE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN RESULTS OF THE VANCE-GROMYKO TALKS ON SALT LAST WEEK. I REPLIED THAT THERE STILL REMAIN SOME GAPS.

9. I ASKED AMBASSADOR AN IF THE PRC WAS SERIOUSLY INTERESTED IN PROMOTING THE COMMON FUND BECAUSE IT SAW CONCRETE BENEFITS IN THE COMMON FUND, OR WHETHER IT WAS PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN DEMONSTRATING SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HE ANSWERED SOMEWHAT VAGUELY THAT

CHINA IS INTERESTED IN A COMMON FUND, BUT SAID THE PRC IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING THE AIMS OF THE LDCS.

10. ON PRC-VIETNAM RELATIONS, PRC DCM YI SU-CHIH ATTRIBUTED THE MAIN CAUSE OF THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES TO "HEGEMONISM" REPRESENTED BY SRV EFFORTS TO ORGANIZE AN INDOCHINA FEDERATION. THE PRC OBLIGATION TO PROTECT AND HELP OVERSEAS CHINESE ALSO PLAYS A ROLE, HE SAID.

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11. THE PRC DIPLOMATS SHOWED AN APPRECIATION FOR THE HIGH LEVEL OF THE US SCIENTIFIC DELEGATION RECENTLY IN CHINA, THOUGH THEY HAD NOT HEARD ANY DETAILS AS TO WHAT WAS ACCOMPLISHED DURING THE VISIT.

12. AMBASSADOR AN'S RUSSIAN IS PROBABLY AT THE INTERMEDIATE LEVEL, THOUGH RUSTY. HE SAID HIS MOSCOW TOUR WAS "MUCH TOO LONG". HE ENJOYED THE LUNCHEON REPARTEE, AND IS OFTEN WITTY IN HIS PRESENTATIONS AND REACTIONS. EARLIER IN THE YEAR, IN RESPONSE TO A MISSION OFFICER'S SUGGESTION THAT RELATIONS OF THE US AND THE PRC WERE QUITE GOOD, HE HAD RIPOSTED, IN AN OBVIOUS REFERENCE TO THE LACK OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, THAT US-PRC RELATIONS SHOULD BE "EVEN BETTER". AT THE LUNCHEON, RELATIONS WITH THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA WERE NOT MENTIONED. HE AND MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF SEEMED TO APPRECIATE THE INVITATION, AND THE FRANK DISCUSSION OF SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES. WHILE PRC DCM

YI WAS MOST RETICENT ABOUT HIS PERSONAL HISTORY BEFORE
HIS ASSIGNMENT TO PARIS AS FIRST SECRETARY IN 1964, THE
ATMOSPHERE WAS RELAXED AS THE OTHER PRC GUESTS HAD MET
OUR MISSION OFFICERS PREVIOUSLY ON THE DIPLOMATIC CIRCUIT.
THE ENCOUNTER WAS DESIGNED TO PUT RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR
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MISSIONS IN GENEVA ON A LESS FORMAL BASIS THAN IT HAS
BEEN IN THE PAST, AND THAT LIMITED OBJECTIVE APPEARS TO
HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED. VANDEN HEUVEL

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